

# Tips on Trips

## Cutting Travel Costs

(NAPSA)—The next time you want to get away from it all, it may be a good idea to bring a group of people with you. Travel services often offer discount rates to large groups of travelers. When traveling with a large group is not an option (or preference), however, there are still ways to take advantage of the bargaining-strength vacationers can gain from numbers.

For example, membership-based associations and organizations frequently have access to travel deals not available to individual vacationers. For instance, people belonging to the American Homeowners Association (AHA), can use the group to find discounted travel rates, negotiated especially for AHA members.

The Association hand-picks and contracts with different travel services. According to association president Richard Roll, the “power of many” lets members find the best deals.

“Our numbers give us access to exclusive worldwide services that combine online prices with the expertise offered by travel professionals,” says Roll. “Our members are guaranteed the lowest published fare at the time of booking, no false promises and no misleading offers.” In addition, the travel service provides:

- **The Human Factor**—Roll says airline management systems make over 10,000 fare and schedule changes every day. Besides the airline changing its schedule at times, passengers sometimes wish to make a change themselves. For



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this type of assistance, it is essential to have human assistance. To provide the best service, AHA members are guaranteed quick access via the telephone or e-mail to an experienced agent to assist with any of these matters. “This way, we are combining all the conveniences of the latest technology with dedicated agents.”

- **Traveling With Technology**—The travel service experts use technically advanced reservation services. The systems link the agents to over 750 airlines, 52,000 properties worldwide and 46 rental car companies. All tickets are accompanied by an automated itinerary (that can be e-mailed or faxed to you) which details your flights, hotels and car arrangements, including confirmation numbers and costs.

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